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SUBJ: POSSIBLE LIBYAN INTERCEPTION OF AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SOMEWHAT CONFUSING MESSAGE CONCERNING POSSIBILITY THAT AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT WAS FORCED DOWN IN LIBYA ON MARCH 20. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CONVEYED TO ADDRESSEES FOR THEIR USE.

2. MOBIL OIL AIRCRAFT PILOTED BY AMCIT WILLIAM IRWIN OPERATING OVER EGYPT HEARD INTERNATIONAL DISTRESS CALL FROM AUSTRALIAN PILOT NAMED "LAFFAN" (PH) FLYING AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED BY CALL SIGN VHAUH. AT APPROXIMATELY 1325 CAIRO TIME MARCH 20 TWO LIBYAN JET INTERCEPTORS WERE FORCING AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN LIBYA; AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT WAS THEN WEST OF EGYPT IN AREA CALLED "GARFISH". THERE WAS NO FURTHER CONTACT FOLLOWING ABOVE MESSAGE.

3. UPON HIS RETURN TO CAIRO, PILOT OF MOBIL AIRCRAFT CONVEYED INFORMATION TO EMBASSY WHICH PASSED IT IMMEDIATELY TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY LAST EVENING.

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WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ON INCIDENT.

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Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
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Channel Indicators: n/a
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Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
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Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
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Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
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